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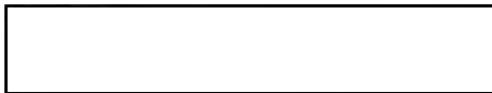
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*Vietnam: (Information as of 4:30 AM EST)

Military Developments in South Vietnam: Communist activity on 12-13 April remained centered in the northernmost provinces.

Quang Tri city was hit by mortar fire and a strategic allied supply route has been temporarily cut. The three-hour mortar attack on Quang Tri appears to have been a random barrage, perhaps partly intended to intimidate the civilian populace. Some ARVN and US military areas were hit, but only light casualties were reported. Two bridges south of the city were attacked almost simultaneously, one with an explosive charge and the other by mortar fire.

On 13 April, the Viet Cong destroyed a heavily guarded bridge eight miles north of Da Nang on strategic Highway 1, apparently by using explosives floated to the bridge at night. Construction of an alternate route has been started, but the movement of supplies will be impeded until the bridge is replaced.

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Communist China: The official campaign to discredit Chief of State Liu Shao-chi--now entering its third week--shows no sign of abating.

Mammoth anti-Liu rallies are being held almost daily in Peking, and the official press continues to publish a steady flow of articles blaming Liu for mistakes made by the Chinese leadership under Mao Tse-tung during the past 30 years.

Formal action against Liu may have been taken at a high-level meeting convened in late March. Wall posters claim that Liu and four other already disgraced members of the politburo standing committee were "condemned and crushed" at this meeting. The posters identify those who sided with Mao as Vice Chairman Lin Piao, Premier Chou En-lai, Cultural Revolution officials Chen Po-ta and Kang Sheng, and economic planner Li Fu-chun.

According to wall posters seen in Peking on 13 April, Chou has made an uncharacteristically forthright attack on Liu and party general secretary Teng Hsiao-ping. Chou is quoted as saying that they have been making serious mistakes since the 1930s, that since 1956 he himself has had a running argument with them over key issues, and that Mao finally lost confidence in them in 1965.

Foreign Minister Chen Yi and several vice chairmen of the party's Military Affairs Committee have come under sporadic Red Guard criticism for trying to block the Cultural Revolution and to protect "conservatives" opposed to Mao.

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The regime apparently envisages continuing the campaign against Mao's opponents for at least another month or two. About 1 April, Chou told a foreign newsman that he was postponing plans for a trip abroad because there would be "great events" in China during the next two months. On 13 April a Shanghai radiobroadcast stated that China's Cultural Revolution was going through a crucial period that would last through the end of May.

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Greece: The political situation in Athens remains precarious.

Fighting between police and antigovernment demonstrators has occurred the past two days as militant Communist elements have provoked demonstrations against the government of National Radical Union (ERE) premier Kanellopoulos. The demonstrators demand Kanellopoulos' resignation and the installation of an impartial service government to supervise elections.

Kanellopoulos is scheduled to go to Parliament today to begin debate on a vote of confidence. With the opposition unlikely to support a confidence motion, he may decide to dissolve Parliament and declare elections to be held within 45 days under an ERE government.

If this is the government's strategy, continued demonstrations can be expected. Serious trouble could erupt on 16 April if the Communists hold the annual Marathon Peach March, which has been banned this year by the government. Security forces are on the alert, and the government has promised swift police action to maintain order.

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Panama: Opposition leader Arnulfo Arias is expanding his campaign to undercut President Robles' efforts to reach new canal treaties with the United States.

Arias, who heads the Panamenista Party, has issued a public statement charging that Robles does not represent Panamanian public opinion and has no authority to speak in the name of the country's majority. Arias claims that Robles' government came to power by fraud and is therefore illegal. He has repeatedly said that he will oppose any canal treaties negotiated by Robles regardless of their content.

Arias' most recent statement is an obvious bid to undercut public pledges of support for the President's canal policies by the seven parties in the governing coalition.

Yesterday's announcement by Presidents Johnson and Robles after their talks at Punta del Este that they might meet again in a few months to approve a final agreement may prompt the Panamenistas to step up attacks on Robles. One top Panamenista leader recently implied that Arias is reconsidering his policy of not attacking the US on the canal talks.

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North Korea: The North Korean intrusion on 12 April and subsequent clash with a South Korean security patrol in the Demilitarized Zone stems from stepped-up Communist operations as weather and ground conditions have improved. The North Koreans probably are seeking to embarrass the South Korean Government, which is facing elections, and to discourage it from sending additional troops to Vietnam. The up-surge in incidents also reflects intensified patrolling by UN forces.

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Nigeria: Eastern Governor Ojukwu now appears to have little interest in preserving the Nigerian federation. In a conversation on 11 April with the US ambassador, Ojukwu said that Easterners are at present motivated by Eastern nationalism. He added, in effect, that the rest of the country must realize that the East is right in pursuing autonomy. Although Ojukwu appeared willing to attend another meeting of the Supreme Military Council, he saw little hope of resolving the East's differences with the federal military government by such meetings.

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Rhodesia: Prime Minister Smith may face an extremist attack on his alleged moderation at next week's congress of the ruling Rhodesia Front (RF).

[redacted] a majority of the RF delegates are dissatisfied with Smith's slowness in adopting constitutional changes, such as declaring the regime a republic, as well as with his seeming willingness to negotiate further with Britain to end the rebellion. Although some extremists reportedly may challenge his party leadership if he continues to equivocate, Smith probably can defeat the challenge.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

The United States Intelligence Board on 13 April 1967 approved the following national intelligence estimates:

NIE 30-67, "The Arab-Israeli Dispute: The Current Phase"

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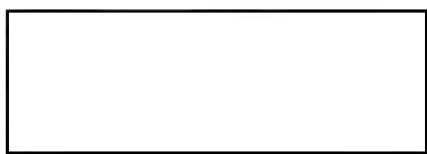
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